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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7046**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 369

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 27, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 23, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Drought planning.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates a ten member Water Shortage Task Force to develop and implement an updated water shortage plan and to address other surface and ground water issues. The bill provides that appointments to the task force are made by the director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and requires DNR to staff the task force. It requires certain state agencies to designate a representative to advise the task force. It permits the director of DNR to invite representatives of other state and federal agencies to advise the task force.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Water Shortage Task Force is established to implement, update, expand, and revise the 1994 water shortage plan when necessary. Among other provisions, the task force must establish procedures to monitor, assess, and inform the public about the status of surface and ground water shortages; recommend a state policy for promoting water conservation; and prepare a biennial report. The task force must provide copies of the report to the Water Resources Study Committee and the Legislative Council.

The task force consists of ten members appointed by the DNR Director. The DNR must provide staff support for the task force. The bill also establishes a governmental advisory panel to the task force. The panel consists of representatives of the DNR, IDEM, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and possibly representatives of other state and federal agencies.

The DNR will be able to provide staff for the task force given its existing resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** DNR, IDEM, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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